

MINUTES
KITTY HAWK TOWN COUNCIL
Monday, August 2, 2021
Kitty Hawk Town Hall, 6 PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Presentation of Service Awards
 - Sharon Davenport – Police Administrative Records Technician/25 Years of Service
 - Joel Johnson – Police Chief/20 Years of Service
5. Public Comment
6. Consent Agenda
 - a.) Approval of July 6, 2021 Council Minutes
7. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
8. New Business
 - a.) Consideration of Councilman Hines for Recreation Committee Liaison *(Deleted)*
9. Reports/General Comments from Town Manager
10. Reports/General Comments from Town Attorney
11. Reports/General Comments from Town Council
12. Adjourn

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Gary Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Craig Garriss, Councilman David Hines, Councilwoman Lynne McClean and Councilman Jeff Pruitt

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town Manager Andy Stewart, Town Clerk Lynn Morris, Management Assistant Melody Clopton, Police Chief Joel Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called this meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Perry made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman McClean, to approve the agenda after deleting 8(a). The vote was unanimous, 5-0.

4. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS

- **Sharon Davenport – Police Administrative Records Technician/25 Years of Service** – Chief Johnson presented Ms. Davenport with her 25 years of service plaque.
- **Joel Johnson – Police Chief/20 Years of Service** – Manager Stewart presented Chief Johnson with his 20 years of service plaque.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Curt Baskette, 3605 Rabbit Hollow, Kitty Hawk, NC: *Good evening. I have been before the town council for 30 years it seems like, so I am back one more time, very disappointed. I thought we had a fix for the flooding problem up around the West Tateway area. I understand one of the neighbors had issues with it and your attorney recommended that the project be abandoned. I got a letter telling me that had happened right after this past November. There were several issues raised and that was the reason the project was abandoned.*

Recently, a month or so ago, I sent another letter saying I need to know exactly what the reasons were. Not so much the reasons from the adjacent property owner but what was the reason the town had or reasons for abandoning the project. We, the residents of residential and commercial properties, still want to get that problem fixed. We do not know what the reasons were for abandoning the project.

We would like to continue to work towards a solution. I have already talked to the Dare County Commissioners. They have agreed to work with us to pursue state involvement in the project. I would like to think that the town would participate in that. To try to come up with the final piece of the puzzle that Senator Basnight started years and years ago when everything was being flooded. All the ocean over wash, rainwater runoff, causing flooding problems. He came down here and met with the town and they came up with ... and he said fix these issues. Every one of them has been fixed except for the West Tateway area. I think it is in everybody's interest to fix this last piece of the puzzle.

So, what I am asking is two things. I would like to know what the reasons are the town decided to abandon the project other than just telling me there were some issues raised by a property owner. I would like to know why the town abandoned the project and I would like to know if you would participate with the residents to try and identify a solution to our problem. Okay? I am not asking you to commit any resources other than to work with us to try to come up with a solution. I leave you those two questions. I asked this about a month ago and I have not heard anything.

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So tonight, I hope that you will follow up and decide to work with us. I do not want to be here another 30 years facing you and trying to fix this one little problem. But anyway, looking for your support, anxious to hear from you.

Perry: *I thought we had answered the second time. Did that not go to him yet? The attorney was going to ...*

Stewart: *Basically, the attorney responded to the original letter. Do you have that letter on you?*

Baskette: *I have the letter right here.*

Stewart: *That was the response.*

Perry: *And that was it?*

Stewart: *That was it. And I asked him if we could provide the letter from the property owner's attorney, and he said that is not public record. That was the last follow up.*

Perry: *I will get with you, and we will find out what we can respond to. There is an answer to your question about why the town stopped. I am not sure what I can legally say in a public spot until I get with the attorney.*

Baskette: *I do not know how the local residents can address the problem if you will not share with us what the issue is.*

Perry: *I thought we had but we will go from here.*

Baskette: *All it says ... several issues. It does not say what they were. Thank you.*

There were no further public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

a.) **Approval of July 6, 2021 Council Minutes.** *(An approval of the consent agenda will approve these minutes.)*

MPT Garriss made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Councilwoman McClean and passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda

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8. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Consideration of Councilman Hines for Recreation Committee Liaison *(Deleted)*

9. TOWN MANAGER

No comments.

10. TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Varnell was absent.

11. TOWN COUNCIL

Councilman Pruitt said he knows some of the lifeguards are heading back and said they did a fantastic job. He encountered them a few times and their courtesy and the way that they are handling the lifeguard service at the beach is quite remarkable. He thanked them and hoped they come back next year.

Councilwoman McClean commented she is amazed that Sharon and Joel have been with the town for so long and hopes they do not leave any time soon.

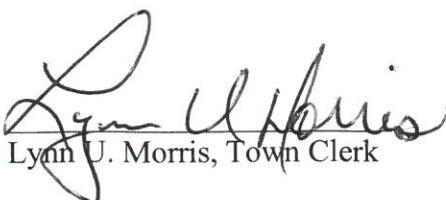
MPT Garriss congratulated Sharon and Joel and said it is very nice to see their families here to share in their recognition.

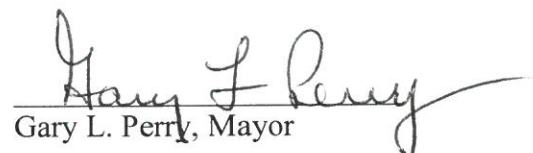
Mayor Perry added the police department reaches out and has as much sympathy as they do discipline. Not all police departments have that. He believes the town is blessed in that respect, both in the leadership and in the people doing the job. He thanked all of them.

12. ADJOURN

Mayor Perry made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilwoman McClean and the vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0. Time was 6:16 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the September 7, 2021 council meeting.


Lynn U. Morris, Town Clerk


Gary L. Perry, Mayor